

Clay County Board Minutes



COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Courthouse, Clay Center, Nebraska, July 15, 2014 at 9:00 A.M.

The Clay County Board of Supervisors met July 15, 2014 as per public notice given in the Clay County News on July 9, 2014 a copy of the proof of publication being on file in the County Clerk's Office. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the advance notice of the meeting. Chairman Fintel presided with roll call showing the following present: Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel; absent: Nuss and Shaw. Minutes of the meeting held June 24, 2014 were mailed to the board members. All of the proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairman, Ivan Fintel stated that the open meeting law poster is posted on the west wall in the back of the room.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Samuelson to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 24, 2014 as mailed. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Shaw and Nuss. Motion carried.

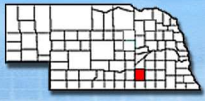
Nuss entered the meeting at 9:03 A.M.

During Public Input time L. Wayne Johnson told the board that the Veterans Service Committee had met twice and he had been elected the chairman of that committee. He reported that there had been discussions with the Adams and Hamilton county Veteran Service Officers to gather information about consolidation of services. The Clay County Veterans Service committee is recommending going with Hamilton County since they have said they could have someone in Clay County at least once a month; Adams County could not offer that. They are going to hold town hall meetings to inform people of the services available. L. Wayne thought they could work within the budget already submitted by Jack Cox the current service officer but may have to raise the wages in the future.

Thomas Roemmich II, Highway Superintendent reported on bridge/culvert work. They are working on the building pad for the new building in Harvard and also on the office in the Sutton shop. Township roads were discussed. The Road dept. preliminary budget was discussed. There will be an increase over last year's budget. The department may need to replace a pickup this year.

Clay County received the first allocation of STP and HBP Buyout Funds that resulted from the Federal Funds Purchase Program Agreement with NDOR. The department of roads is asking for a certification of those funds. It was decided to have the Highway Superintendent complete and sign the certification.

At 9:15 A.M. the bids for Project #C-18 (184) were opened. A representative from Van Kirk Bros. Contracting and a representative from Olsson Associates the engineering



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firm were also present. The only bid received was from Van Kirk Bros. Contracting. The bid was discussed.

Motion by Nuss and seconded by Anderson to accept the bid for Project #C-18 (184) received from Van Kirk Bros. Contracting for \$133,845.00. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Ted Griess, County Attorney answered questions about foreclosure and tax sales. He discussed an Interlocal Agreement with Sandy Creek Schools for the gas bills in the old school in Clay Center that is occupied by county offices. The agreement will be given to the Sandy Creek School board and then returned for review and discussion by the board of supervisor.

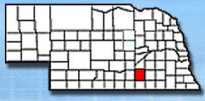
Jeff Franklin, County Sheriff reported that the budget requests for the Sheriff's office and Jail were basically the same as last year. The Sheriff Grant fund budget was presented with a zero amount requested. Issues with the Jail building were discussed. Jeff will contact Mid-Continental Restoration to see what can be done and an estimated cost. The need for new vehicles was also discussed.

Brady Kerkman, Executive Director presented information about Central Nebraska Child Advocacy Center. They have successfully moved to a new location that provides an inviting and friendly environment where children feel safe to share their trauma. They have purchased needed audio and video equipment, increased advocacy services, provided greater outreach to increase awareness of abuse and neglect, offered additional trainings to community partners within Clay county, increased referral services, attended court proceedings with families, traveled for monthly meetings throughout the region, provided extensive case management to assist county prosecutors, and helped institute new services to benefit child victims and non-offending family members that have not been offered in the past. Within 2013, CNCAC provided forensic interviews to an average of 13 child victims per month. That number has more than doubled to 28.7 per month. Financial assistance continues to be essential in providing valuable services to child victims of abuse, sexual assault, those removed from a drug endangered environment, those recovered from a kidnapping and/or witness of a violent crime. The request for assistance is the same as last fiscal year. The Clay County Attorney was present and affirmed the value of this service.

Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Nuss to grant the budget request of Central Nebraska Child Advocacy Center in the amount of \$4,000.00 for fiscal year 2014-2015. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Julie Bergen, Clerk Magistrate presented a budget request for County Court. The budget presented is less than last year.

The South Central Economic Development District is requesting a boundary change to add Howard County to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) recognized



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Economic Development District. SCEDD is required to obtain resolutions of support of this boundary change from the County Boards currently in the District. Community leaders in Howard County have requested to be part of this district because they believe their county fits, economically and demographically and they are listed in the same planning and development region. The SCEDD board of directors believe Howard County fits, economically and demographically, better with the twelve counties currently in the district than with the counties in the Central Nebraska Economic Development District.

Motion by Schmidt and seconded by Samuelson to adopt Resolution #14-09 and authorize the chairman to sign in support of the South Central Economic Development District boundary change and to add Howard County. On roll call, yea: Nuss, Samuelson, Schmidt and Fintel; nay: Anderson and Johnson; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #14-09

Of the Board of Supervisors of Clay County, Nebraska

A resolution in support of the South Central Economic Development District boundary change to add Howard County

BE IT RESOLVED that Clay County is in support of the boundary change to add Howard County to the South Central Economic Development District. This boundary change will align the economic development district boundaries with Nebraska State Statute 13-1901 which establishes planning and development regions.

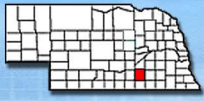
ADOPTED THIS 15 DAY OF JULY, 2014

/s/ Ivan Fintel, Board Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Deborah Karnatz

The representation letter from D A Davidson & Co was discussed. The letter was received after the last board meeting and requested a confirmation of accounts be returned by July 1st. Since the account in question does not constitute proceeds of municipal securities or municipal escrow investments, there is no need to notify the company. The County Attorney was consulted and agreed there is no need for a reply.

The South Inland Cemetery has sent a check for the remainder of the funds. This was discussed with the County Attorney. The money will be deposited in the General Misc. funds for cemetery maintenance. The budget preparer will be informed of this as well.



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Deb Karnatz, County Clerk presented information as to how LB560 affects the county. Part of Pam Bourne's presentation at the Clerks workshop in June covered LB560's wage reporting requirements. Since then Pam Bourne was contacted as well as the payroll programmer, other counties and the county attorney. NIRMA and NACO have also been consulted. Different options, including transitioning away from the salaried time keeping to an hourly form of time keeping, were discussed. No decisions were made at this time. More research into transitioning and more discussion with other county clerks will be done. The Clerk would like to hold a meeting with elected officials, department heads, office managers and the county attorney to discuss possible changes. The County Attorney was also present at this time and presented information and opinions.

The state is wanting to transition the responsibilities of administering general assistance away from the state and to the counties. The County Clerk will attend a meeting in Fremont to see exactly what they have in mind. The county basically has no general assistance available at this time because of the difficulty in contacting DHHS for services. Supervisor Anderson will contact someone at DHHS to clarify the intentions of that department.

An equipment disclaimer has been received regarding a pivot on the county farm in Marshall Township. The county does not own or have any interest in the equipment.

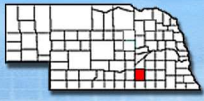
Motion by Samuelson and seconded by Johnson to authorize the chairman to sign the Equipment Disclaimer regarding a 2014 Zimmatic pivot located on the E ½ 5-6-6. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

A letter of agreement was received from Region 3. The County Attorney has reviewed the agreement as well.

Motion by Anderson and seconded by Schmidt to authorize the chairman to sign the Letter of Agreement between Regional Governing Board for Region 3 Behavioral Health Services and Clay County. On roll call, yea: Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson, Nuss, Samuelson and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

The fee reports were circulated for review. Motion by Anderson and seconded by Johnson to accept the fee reports for the following county officials for the month of June 2014: County Clerk, \$6,872.55, County Court \$14,293.20, Clerk of District Court, \$14,486.88, County Sheriff for the month of May 2014 \$10,500.94 and County Treasurer receipts #14060001 thru #14060043 in the amount of \$465,969.02. On roll call, yea: Schmidt, Johnson, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Copies of the semi-annual statement from Sharon Lavene, County Treasurer were given to the board for approval. Motion by Nuss and seconded by Schmidt to accept the semi-annual statement from January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014 as presented by the



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County Treasurer. On roll call, yea: Johnson, Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

A letter from Michele Bever, Executive Director of South Heartland District Health Department sent a letter informing the board of a vacancy due to the resignation of Merrill Duntz. The vacancy is for a “public spirited” person to serve on the board for the remainder of Mr. Duntz’ term which would be March 2016. The board will contact Michele for possible candidates to consider for this position and discuss it again at the next meeting.

Budget requests of various funds were reviewed.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:15 P.M. and resumed session at 1:25 P.M.

The General Misc. budget was reviewed and changes made. Different wage increase percentages will be figured and given to the budget preparer.

It was noted that the audit report has been received and is available to those that want to have a copy.

Motion by Nuss and seconded by Samuelson to adjourn this meeting at 1:35 P.M.; next meeting scheduled for July 22, 2014. On roll call, yea: Nuss, Samuelson, Anderson, Schmidt, Johnson and Fintel; absent: Shaw. Motion carried.

Deb Karnatz, County Clerk

Ivan Fintel, Chairman